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It is my understanding that the FEC will determine whether or not funds collected through ActBlue and similar websites are eligible for federal matching funds. ActBlue is not like a PAC in the sense that one contributes funds and then others decide how the funds are disbursed. Rather, ActBlue is a clearing house that passes along donations in the name of the individual (not that different from the "Donate" buttons on individual websites). I strongly urge the FEC to notice the difference between the way in which ActBlue functions and how that is different from traditional PACs, to rule based on the intent and functionality of the website rather than the literal matter of who signs any particular check, and thus to allow federal matching funds for any website that merely passes individual funds along to the designated candidates.

Thank you.

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